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(2) the Bill to amend the District Municipalities Act;
(3) the Bill to amend the Hindu Religious Endowments Act; and
(4) the Bill to amend the Elementary Education Act?

*A.*—(1) & (2) In the October meeting of the Council. It was hoped to introduce the Bills in this meeting but there was not time to obtain the Government of India's sanction.
(3) & (4) When ready.

11-15 a.m. Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—" With reference to clauses (3) and (4) of the question, may I know whether the Government can give any idea approximately of the time when they expect these Bills to be ready ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" Perhaps the Elementary Education Bill may be ready by October, but not the Religious Endowments Bill."

Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO :—" May I know from the hon. Minister how long this Endowments Bill has been under consideration ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" As far as I am concerned, for the last one year."

Mr. A. KALESWARA RAO :—" May I know, Sir, whether there is any order from the Government of India that private Bills should not be opposed on the ground that the Local Government are going to introduce their own Bills ? "

Mr. P. C. VENKATAPATHI RAJU :—" May I know whether the Government have applied for the sanction of the Government of India ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" It is in the process of going to the Government of India."

Mr. P. C. VENKATAPATHI RAJU :—" May I know whether they are going to apply for sanction for all the provisions ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" Yes. For all the provisions that require the sanction of the Government of India."

Mr. P. C. VENKATAPATHI RAJU :—" Does the hon. the Minister propose to apply for sanction for all the Bills which require the Government of India's sanction ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" Yes."

## Municipalities

*Liability of railway administration to pay property tax to the concerned municipalities.*

*66 *Q.*—Mr. C. RAMASOMAYAJULU : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) with reference to the Memorandum No. 33278-2/B-L. & M., dated 6th November 1926, whether this Government moved the Government of India to issue a revised notification declaring the liability of railway administrations to pay property tax to the concerned municipalities and whether the revised notification has been issued and, if so, when; and

(*b*) if the answer to (*a*) is in the negative, whether this Government will secure the issue of the necessary revised notification by the Government of India ?

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*A.*—(*a*) & (*b*) The Government of India have issued the requisite revised notifications in February 1929. They were republished in the *Fort St. George Gazette* of 19th March 1929.

Mr. C. RAMASOMAYAJULU :—" May I know if this notification has got any retrospective effect? Does it refer to collections already made?"

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN : —" Notice."

## Religious and Charitable Endowments

*Introduction of the Bill to amend the Hindu Religious Endowments Act.*

* 67 *Q.*—Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state when the Bill to amend the Hindu Religious Endowments Act will be introduced by the Government in the Council?

*A.*—The Bill to amend the Hindu Religious Endowments Act is undergoing final scrutiny and will be introduced in the Council when it is ready.

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—" The Government say that they cannot exactly say when the Bill will be ready. May I ask them if they will give facilities for a private Bill?"

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" It depends on what is contained in the private Bill."

*Collection of contributions to the Temple Committees.*

* 68 *Q.*—Mr. A. B. SHETTY : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state whether the Government have any proposals for the collection of contributions to the Temple Committees and to the Board more easily and more satisfactorily than now and if so, what they are?

*A.*—The matter is under consideration and nothing has been decided as yet.

Mr. A. B. SHETTY :—" How long has the matter been under consideration and when does the Government expect to come to a decision?"

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN : —" It is impossible to say when a decision will be reached."

## Tours

*Work done by the hon. the Chief Minister in his tour to the Ganjam district.*

* 69 *Q.*—Sriman BISWANATH DAS Mahasayo : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state the official work transacted in his recent tour (in April) to the district of Ganjam?

*A.*—(1) Visited the Aska bridge.
(2) Opened an elementary school building at Kukkudakhandy.
(3) Travelled all the way from Berhampur to Waltair by road and saw the condition in which the trunk road was.